

Duck Hill Aug 2^d 1864

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Friend John

after a period
of 3 or 4 Days since I wrote my Dear Friend I now Direct
a few lines to you you have no doubt heard of the
Battle at Manassas at which place Manassas
Was killed I was lucky enough to escape that day
Battle you a have no doubt heard about the battle later than
I can describe but if I was beside you I could no doubt
give you some information or let you know something about
those Cannon Balls and Shells they are described things
I could stand and not quiver when the noise Ball were
Flying thick and fast around my head but when that
Big fellow came with the Whizz it made me dizzy all
over there was a orderly Sergt had his own Shot of
by one of them he was not 3 feet from me and while
in the front on the Battle field a Grape passed through
I was killing them instantly the Rebels had an awful
lot killed inflicted of most all there Officers they had
it was suprising to see how cool our Coy was near fellow
ruined but fire and loaded till there Guns got so
Cool that they had to take a Stone and smelt the
Barrel to get the Ball down there are 3 men in
our Company Manassas fought cool and Desperate
he had the place he killed himself 3 times after he
was shot our Coy said that he never see Duck Hill
pluck as he show on the field that day and that
he did not want Brave Boys there he had in his
Company we Patrol 39 men and fired 7000
at Camp Ground with out any fear or anything to

Such a worm out and. Puff looking but you
never saw me. Puffy anything for another and
I hope that it was him and different than the last
Did I see that of us. None as please. Give my
Respect and Love to all the Girls. Tell a Child
to answer my letter

At this present I remain
Your Friend

W. M. Ford

Direct as you did before

~~W. M. Ford~~